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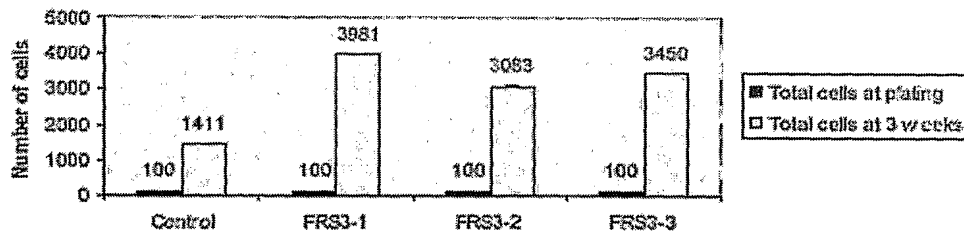
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(57) **Abstract:** There is provided a method of proliferating precursor cells by modulating the expression of the protein FRS3 within the precursor cells. The method is useful for the production of large populations of precursor cells, which are useful for *in vitro* research techniques, including drug screening, and for *in vivo* therapeutic uses.

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